other than price control to make available life saving drugs at reasonable prices. The Task Force has submitted its report to the Government on the 20th September, 2005.

The Government in consultation with various stakeholders is examining the recommendations of the Task Force. Based on this a new Pharmaceutical Policy is likely to be announced shortly.

Revival of India Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

2614. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to revive Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. which was declared sick in 1992 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether all the employees who were originally with IDPL would be re-employed and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Government is contemplating to revive Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL). Details in this regard have not been finalised.

(b) The requirement of personnel would be determined by the company keeping in view its revival plans.

Coal-based fertilizer units

2615. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal-based fertilizer plants set up in the country as on 30th November, 2005, State-wise and plant-wise;

(b) the details of sick fertilizer plants in the country closed, State-wise and plant-wise;and

(c) the steps taken by Government to revive the closed plants?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The two coal-based fertilizer plants of Fertilizer Corporation

of India Ltd. are located at Ramagundam (Andhra Pradesh) and Talcher (Orissa).

(b) The details of the closed sick fertilizer plants are given below:

Name of the PSU	Location of the units
Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC)	Barauni (Bihar), Durgapur & Haldia (West Bengal)
Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI)	Sindri (Jharkhand), Gorakhpur (U.P.), Ramagundam (A.P.), Talcher (Orissa), Korba (Chattisgarh)
Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL)	Amjhore (Bihar), Saladipura (Rajasthan) and Dehradun (Uttaranchal)

(c) Proposals have been made for setting up of brown-field gas based fertilizer plants at existing sites of Gorakhpur & Sindri units of FCI and Barauni & Durgapur units of HFC. The viability of these proposals would depend upon the availability of gas. In respect of Haldia unit of HFC, a proposal from M/s. Shriram EPC for setting up a Coke Oven Project at the existing site is under examination in the light of the proceedings of BIFR and other relevant considerations pertaining to the status of the land, etc. In the case of Amjhore unit of PPCL, FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Ltd. (FAGMIL), another fertilizer PSU under the administrative control of Department of Fertilizers, has expressed its interest in reviving the unit by mining and selling the pyrites at the unit directly as fertilizers. The matter of closure of PPCL is under consideration of the High Court of Patna, where a request has been made for time for arriving at a final decision regarding revival.

Retail prices of drugs

2616: SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: